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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Judge Garry William Bryan; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Garry Bryan was born on October 8, 1953 in  
5 Harvey; his parents were George W. and Helen Bryan; he began  
6 his childhood in Harvey before moving to Naperville, where he  
7 met Joyce, the love of his life, in high school; they married  
8 in 1975; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Garry Bryan graduated magna cum laude in  
10 1977 from Lewis University in Romeoville, earning a bachelor's  
11 degree in English; he subsequently earned his law degree from  
12 The John Marshall Law School in 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Garry Bryan had a long and distinguished  
14 legal career; he worked for the Public Defender's Office and  
15 the State's Attorneys Appellate Service Commission and served  
16 as a clerk for the Honorable A. G. Webber, III; he subsequently  
17 practiced with the law firm Moss, Bryan & Moss, P.C. from 1988  
18 to 2008; in 2008, he was appointed to fill a vacancy as Circuit  
19 Judge of DeWitt County; he ran unopposed for election in  
20 November of 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Garry Bryan was very passionate about his

1 work with the DeWitt County Drug Court and believed that drug  
2 court provides individuals struggling with addiction an  
3 opportunity to address their substance abuse issues and  
4 successfully contribute to society; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Garry Bryan was an avid fisherman,  
6 connoisseur of fine wine, and gardener; he enjoyed growing  
7 orchids, faceting gemstones, and preparing gourmet meals for  
8 his friends and family; and

9 WHEREAS, A "Memorial Docket" was held in honor of Judge  
10 Garry Bryan and his work on November 14, 2014; the docket was  
11 presided over by the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme  
12 Court, Rita B. Garman, and was attended by many legal figures,  
13 including the Honorable Dan Flannell, Chief Judge of the Sixth  
14 Judicial Circuit Court; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Garry Bryan is survived by his beloved wife,  
16 Joyce; 2 sons, Jason Bryan (Michele Carroll) and Jeremy (Amber)  
17 Bryan; 2 granddaughters, Mackenzie and Marley Bryan; a brother,  
18 Corey (Lorraine Gallagher) Bryan; and his many beloved family  
19 members and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
22 family and friends, mourn the passing of Judge Garry William

1 Bryan; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Judge Garry Bryan as an expression  
4 of our sympathy.